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Distinguished Speakers Series

RALPH NADER ADDRESSES "CONSUMERISM AND EDUCATION"

DAYTON, Ohio, September 8, 1977 -- 'The U.S.'s toughest customer' -- Ralph Nader, speaking on "Consumerism and Education," will kick off the 1977-78 University of Dayton's Distinguished Speakers Series.

Making his appearance September 19 at 8 p.m. in the UD Fieldhouse, Nader brings with him a long history of consumer advocacy, commencing with "Unsafe at Any Speed," and currently concentrating on topics ranging from excessive oil company profits to apathetic consumers.

During a precious visit to the UD campus, Nader severely criticized consumers for "passively accepting what companies dish out instead of refusing to purchase low-quality products."

Nader has repeatedly called for a greater involvement in the workings of government, urging citizen groups to contend with and rectify dishonesty in governing bodies.

Begun in 1974, the Distinguished Speakers Series seeks to present stimulating educational and cultural topics of significant learning value to the Dayton community as well as the University. A preliminary schedule for the remainder of the year includes science fiction writer Harlan Ellison -- "An Evening With Harlan Ellison" November 16 at 8 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Ballroom, and John Lindsay -- "A Troubled U.S. in a Troubled World" March 8, 1978 at 8 p.m. in the Kennedy Union Ballroom.